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## "State of the Squadron" at the New Millenium

This past year has been an active year. I am taking this opportunity to run through some of OUR squadron's activities and participation in Maryland Wing's activities. I know I'll not remember or mention every activity, but I do want to cover some of our highlights. Cadets from Howard made a trip to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH. We participated in a number of Wing and Squadron activities, among these are - Cadet Orientation Flights, Search and Rescue Exercises, Electronic Locator Search, Air Show participation at the AOPA Fly-In, the Maryland Air National Guard Air Show at Martin State Airport, and the Wings of Freedom Air Show at Frederick Airport. Community activities in which we participated were the antique farm equipment show and the Kid's Race Against Drugs. In support of state and the federal agencies, we participated in an aircraft crash site surveillance at Hayes Airfield.

At the squadron, we held our first parents' meeting, we started our rocketry program thanks to Lt. Bob Terry, and continued our ground team training thanks to Lt. Bob Wiseman. I continue to urge all cadets to attend the ground team classes. The skills you learn are useful in your everyday life as well as in a ground search. We were put on alert as a resource in case the

Y2K "Bug" struck on New Years day. As we all know the bug was pretty much eradicated by the time January 1, 2000 rolled around; therefore, we were left at home to enjoy our day. I'm excited about the number of new cadets that have joined our squadron and I'm looking to get more, but also regret losing cadets to graduation or for any other reason. My goal, and I hope it is our goal, is at least 30 cadets that attend regularly. Last thing I want to mention is the change of command which took place in July. I thank you, Capt. Jay Kelly, for leaving me a good squadron.

In closing, as you can see, we have had a busy year and I expect that we are going to be even more busy this year. I thank each cadet, each senior member : Adele Abramowitz, Brian Altmiller, Ron Andes, Daniel Delaney, Jay Eberhardt, Sally Eberhardt, Monica Fortner, Jay Kelley, Mike Kennedy, John Kilgallon, Christine Marsh, Elza Redman, Kevin Redman, Hans Schmitz, Jennifer Steciak, Joe Sundberg, Robert Terry, and Robert Wiseman, as well as each parent for your help and support in making this past year a success. I look forward to continued growth and achievement in the year 2000.

Ron Whitehead, LtC, CAP

## Rockets!

We are moving ahead with a structured program which is expected to last well into the Spring. The local National Association of Rocketry (NAR) section continues to share a great deal of enthusiasm for our program, providing a first rate guest speaker: Mr. John McCoy. His detailed exposition of some thirty rockets, large and small, was the best start to our program that anyone could reasonably expect. Since his initial effort, we have collected all of our in-

tended building tools, the first (Alpha) models of the series we laid out in the previous newsletter, and have begun the building phase in earnest. Of the first series, perhaps half the rockets are now built. Look for some ground testing exercises and discussions as we start the new year.

## Web Site Updates (<http://hcs.mdwg.cap.gov>)

The webmaster is now equipped with a full Acrobat package, so feel free to submit articles, documents, forms, etc. for distillation into PDF. We will then have a good collection of downloadable material for members and visitors alike. We hear rumors of more material for the special pages getting prepared and a fresh organization chart, but mostly these are just rumors.

## Promotions

**Cadets:** J. Lipka, A. Jones to C/A; D. Kinnaman to C/TSgt; D. Proffen to C/MSgt; S. Sines to C/SSgt.

**Welcome, to our new cadets** — Sebastian Benevidez, John Burkhardt, Bryan Kim, and Rustin Rockstroh.

## Awards and Ratings

Congratulations to 2Lt Ron Andes on his full rating as a transport pilot.

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Finally, our citation for **Quarterly Order of the WingNut** goes to 1Lt. Robert Terry for the rocket building tool kit containing a tube of "Crazy Glue" with no cap. Fortunately we heard no dire tales of "upgeschtuken cadeten", but offer apologies nonetheless.

